

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

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Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee

October 23, 1987

Princeton, New Jersey

- Present: Messrs. Taplin (Chairman), Goldberger, Mostow. Also Mrs. Labalme and Mr. Rowe.
- Absent: Messrs. Brown, Wolfensohn.
- Survey of Properties: Mr. Taplin opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Since this was the first meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Allen Rowe reviewed the holdings of the Institute. The Institute owns about 800 acres, with 250 acres in woods and farmland. A list of rental properties owned by the Institute was distributed, as well as faculty-owned properties.
- Faculty housing: In reply to Mr. Taplin's question about the availability of houses for Faculty, Mr. Rowe replied that three properties were currently available: Professor White's former house on Mercer Street, the Iwasawa house on Newlin (occupied by the Caffarelli's until their own house can be occupied), and the other half of the former Adler house. There are no plans at present to build condominiums for retired Faculty.
- Maintenance: Painting is a continuous need and process. The academic buildings will be painted next spring. Leaks continue to appear and be repaired, especially in the Historical Studies Library. Effective repairs are now being made with an impermeable spray and recaulking of the skylight windows. The problem of gas leaks in the housing project is being analyzed so as to provide the best solution. Some of the walks, especially the tiled areas, are being replaced and repaired. The main condensate tank in West Building has had to be replaced.

Almost all work on Institute properties is done by the Institute's own staff, with very little contracting out. Dr. Goldberger commended, from personal experience, the quality of the workers: masons, carpenters, electrical workers and painters.

Einstein House:

The Einstein house is being surveyed by an architect to see what repairs and refurbishing are necessary. Dr. Goldberger described possible uses for the house: either as a rental property for a visiting member or distinguished visiting professor, or for office space for spouses, or for rental to non-Institute people. He pointed out that the Will of Einstein forbids the use of the house as a museum. One problem is that the house has no driveway. Negotiations with a neighbor are underway. Dr. Goldberger said that he had sought a \$100,000 contribution from a donor for the purpose of readying the house for occupancy, but had had no luck. Mr. Taplin thought that the Board of Trustees might be asked for their ideas about possible sources of funds for this purpose.

Libraries:

Dr. Goldberger explained the space problems of the Mathematics/Natural Sciences Library. Elliott Shore, Librarian for Historical Studies/Social Science had made a study and developed a plan to move the Mathematics/Natural Sciences Library over to occupy the Annex lecture-room and other spaces in the Historical Studies/Social Science Library. This would permit the conversion of the freed Fuld Hall space into offices and, in the case of the reading room, a substitute lecture hall. A Faculty Committee will be appointed to work out the details. Construction could be phased over two summers, 1988 for the Library changes, 1989 for Fuld Hall. This plan would accommodate growth for the next 15 years, without having to construct a new building.

Offices for
School of
Mathematics:

Dr. Goldberger explained the pressing need felt by the School of Mathematics to assemble the offices of its visiting members in one place. He had explored the possibility of moving the ECP building where many of the mathematicians are located to some place closer to Fuld Hall, but this had proved impractical. A new building would cost \$1-2 million, and there would also be continuing maintenance costs. This was, however, the first priority in any building program. A donor might be sought and found for such a building.

97 Olden Lane:

Dr. Goldberger described the work on the Director's residence, both within and outside. The greenhouse had been removed, and a large terrace was to be added with landscaping oriented toward Fuld Hall. Some shrubs had been removed to permit more light into the house, and some further pruning would be undertaken. No large old trees would be cut down.

Director's Office:

Allen Rowe explained the planned rearrangement of the Director's Office which would permit the creation of a small conference room. Except for removing part of one load-bearing wall, the Institute's staff could do whatever reconstruction was involved.

Discussion of other items on the agenda, the cooling tower and computing needs, were postponed to the next meeting.

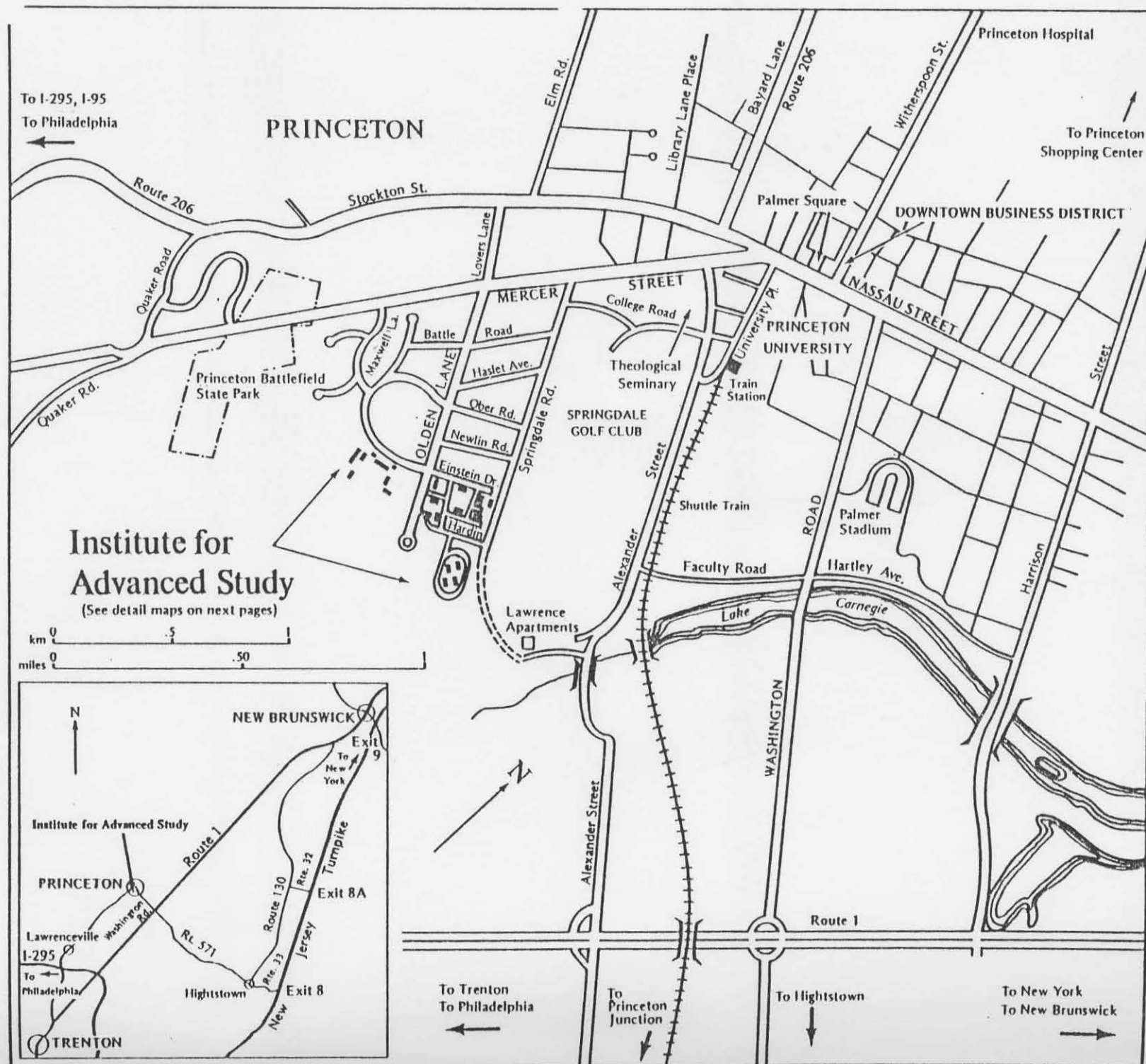
Mr. Taplin asked that the administration prepare, for the April meeting of the Board, a list of whatever capital expenditures would need Board approval.

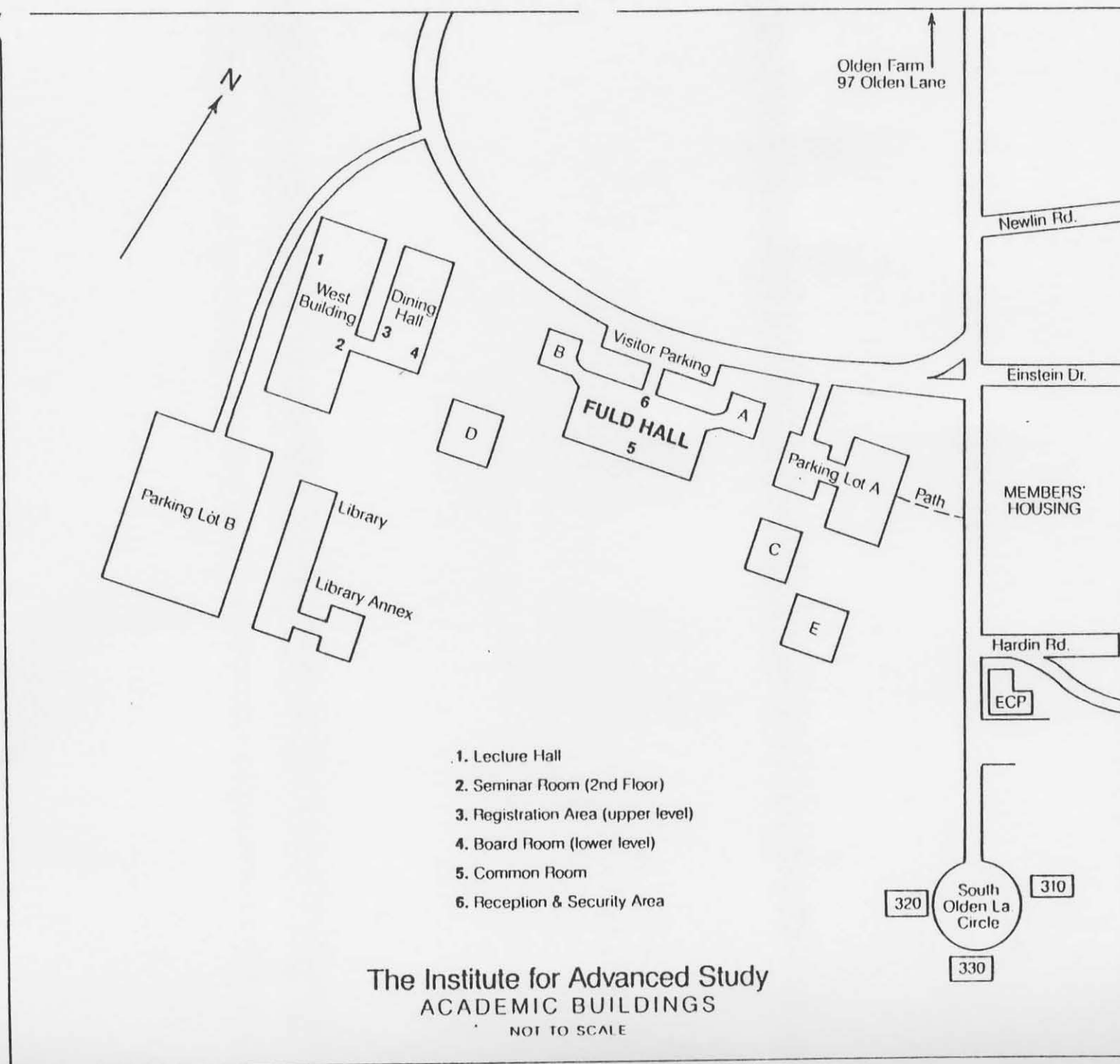
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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